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- In June 1951 the Chinese Communists established an Institute for National Minorities in Peiping and an Institute for Minorities in the Southwest in Ch'engt'u for the purpose of securing firmer controls over border minorities and using them to expand Communism in neighboring countries.
- The institute in Peiping opened on 11 June. Its president is LI Wei-han, chairman of the central government's Commission of the Affairs of Nationalities; and its vice-president is LIU Ko-p'ing.¹ The first training class of the institute consists of 261 students from twenty-five major tribes throughout China including the Han, Hui (回), Miao (苗), Ts'ang (藏), Li (黎), T'ai (傣), Mongolian, Uighur, Ha Sa K'o (哈薩克), Tartar, Tung Hsiang (東鄉), Kao Shan (高山), and Hsi Po (赫伯). Particular emphasis is given to training in thought reform and the common program and minority policies of the Communist Party. Other subjects included in the training course are the situation in China, history of the several tribes, economic construction, culture, and arts. The training period is one year. However, those who are sufficiently indoctrinated may be assigned duties prior to the completion of a year's study.
- The institute in Ch'engt'u opened on 1 June under the supervision of LI Ming (黎明), a section chief of the Commission of the Affairs of Nationalities in Peiping. The president of this institute is WANG Wei-chou (王維周), chairman of the Minority Affairs Committee of the Southwest Military and Administrative Committee; and the vice-president is FU K'ang-hsuan (方綱漢).² Both of these men have a thorough knowledge of minority affairs. The first training class of the institute consists of 500 students from more than twenty-four tribes including the Ts'ang, Miao, Li Ch'iang (黎羌), Lo Lo (羅羅), and Nu Tzu (努子).³

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1 Comment. Also a vice-chairman of the Commission of the Affairs of Nationalities in Peiping.

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2 Comment. It was not clear whether the character for FU or K'UNG (孔) was intended.

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3 [REDACTED] Comment. A Peiping radio broadcast on 15 August announced the opening of a university for minority tribes in Yunnan on 2 August.

25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Information on Chinese Communist relations with minority racial groups is contained [REDACTED]

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